

Marine Safety Office Houston-Galveston
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Change in Homeland Security Threat Advisory Status
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The purpose of this PSIB is to announce that by direction of the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Homeland Security Threat Advisory level has been raised from Yellow (Elevated) to Orange (High).

Coast Guard has no specific maritime threat information regarding the Houston-Galveston port areas. In the absence of such information, the Captain of the Port has not directed an increase in the Maritime Security (MARSEC) level for the Houston-Galveston area at this time.

Should the Coast Guard receive specific threat information involving the Houston-Galveston area, it will be conveyed through the appropriate communications channels and released as soon as possible in accordance with federal security regulations.

The U.S. Coast Guard will continue to coordinate with local, state, and federal government agencies, as well as the maritime community to ensure that all stakeholders in the Ports of Houston, Galveston, Freeport and Texas City are maintaining a heightened state of vigilance and readiness.

All vessel and facility operators are advised to report all suspicious persons or activities to MSO Houston-Galveston at (713) 671-5100 ext. 0.

The U.S. Coast Guard reminds the maritime industry that they may also report information concerning suspicious activity to the National Response Center (NRC) via the NRC's 24-hour telephone number at 1-800-424-8802.

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